

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

LADDY CURTIS VALENTINE and
RICHARD ELVIN KING, individually and
on behalf of those similarly situated,
Plaintiffs,

V.

BRYAN COLLIER, in his official capacity,
ROBERT HERRERA, in his official capacity,
And TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE,
Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 4:20-cv-01115

DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF APPEAL

TO THE HONORABLE KEITH P. ELLISON:

Notice is hereby given that Defendants Bryan Collier (“Collier”), Robert Herrera (“Herrera”), and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (“TDCJ”) (collectively, “Defendants”), hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit from the district court’s Permanent Injunction Order (ECF 409) of September 29, 2020, and all associated orders.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

I, CHRISTIN COBE VASQUEZ, Assistant Attorney General of Texas, certify that I have electronically submitted a true and correct copy of the foregoing for filing in accordance with the Court's electronic filing system, on September 29, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, CHRISTIN COBE VASQUEZ, Assistant Attorney General of Texas, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Defendants' Notice of Appeal** has been served electronically upon all counsel of record *via* the electronic filing system of the Southern District of Texas, on September 29, 2020.

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